

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 7. This sheet, which includes Figs. 6 and 7, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 7. In Figure 7, previously omitted lead line to numeral 14 has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-15 remain pending in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

The Official Action is an *Ex parte Quayle* in which the application is in condition for allowance but minor formal matters need to be resolved.

Submitted herewith is a revised Figure 7 of drawings showing the lead line to reference numeral 14. This is responsive to item 3 of the Official Action.

The description of the invention has been amended responsive to the examiner's comments and kind suggestions in item 4 of the Official Action.

The claims have been amended in order to resolve various formalities noted in item 5 of the Official Action following the examiner's helpful suggestions and also clarifying line 23 of claim 1 relative to the disclosure at page 2, lines 18-20 of the specification.

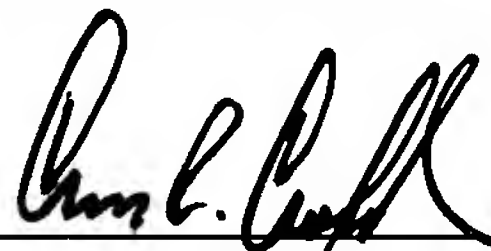
Please see the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement presenting the results of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability for completion of the record.

Counsel submits that all outstanding issues have been resolved and that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. If this is not the case or the examiner has additional questions, kindly contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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